GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UNCLAIMED CARGO AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the time limit for removal of cargo by its legal owner from the airport;

(b) the cargo lying unclaimed at various airports for the past three years; and

(c) the amount realized from the sale of unclaimed cargo from April 1998 to December 2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) As per Customs Act, 1962, the import cargo can be cleared by its legal owner within 30 days from the date of its landing. Airports Authority of India provides five working days as free period within which the import cargo may be cleared without payment of any demurrage charges.

(b) The number of cargo packages unclaimed for the past three years from April 2000 to December 2002, lying at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata airports are 8090, 15986, 121 and 1886 respectively.

(c) The airport-wise amount realized from the sale of these unclaimed cargo at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata areRs.5.76 crore, Rs.5.67 crore, Rs.2.47 crore and Rs.0.33 crore respectively.